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NEWS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting On Tierra Taos

Date: 4/17/2016
Time: 12:25 a.m.
Location: 7200 Tierra Taos
Offender: 22-year old Eric John Wilson of the 7100 block of Tierra Taos

EL PASO, TEXAS: A 22- year old man was shot by officers who responded to an armed suicidal subject threatening to shoot the responding officers. Information was relayed to the officers that the subject claimed to be armed with an assault rifle and handguns. Arriving officers approached the residence at the 7100 block of Tierra Taos and were confronted by the subject who was standing on the sidewalk. The subject was given commands to show his hands at which time the subject pulled a dark object from his back area. Officers ordered the subject to drop the weapon but he advanced towards the officers while illuminating them with the object. As the subject continued advancing, two officers believing the object to be a handgun, discharged their weapons striking the subject. Once the scene was secured the officers discovered the object to be a cell phone. The 22-year old man was transported to University Medical Center where he later died. Crimes Against Persons and the TEXAS Rangers are conducting investigations. The department's Shooting Review Team is also investigating. The two officers, a patrol officer and a sergeant assigned to the Westside Regional Command have been placed on administrative leave.

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